

REMARKS

Claims 7, 8, 10 and 11 are in the application.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the subject matter of claim 9 has been included in claim 7 and claim 11 has been written in independent form.

Accordingly, in view of the Examiner's indication that claims 9 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, it is submitted that the claims in the application are not in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to Patent and

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